

HAMILTON, HUMBOLDT, WRIGHT and Webster COUNTIES in Iowa

AGENCY NAME: Early ACCESS – the Early ACCESS Regional Coordinator is out of our Storm Lake Prairie Lakes AEA office, so I included the Storm Lake contact information as well.		
ADDRESS: 1725 Beach Street Webster City, IA 50595		824 Flint Drive Suite 105 Storm Lake, IA 50588
PHONE NUMBER:	515-832-3791 (Webster City)	866-540-3861 (Webster City)
	712-732-2257 (Storm Lake)	866-503-4636 (Storm Lake)
FAX: 515-832-6641 (Webster City)	WEBSITE: www.aea8.k12.ia.us	
FAX : 712-732-7654 (Storm Lake)	E-MAIL: grandall@aea8.k12.ia.us	FACEBOOK:
HOURS OF OPERATON: 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.		
DESCRIPTION OF SERVICES:		
<p>Early ACCESS, formerly known as Iowa’s System of Early Intervention Services, is a partnership between families with young children, birth to age three, and providers from local Public Health, Human Services, Child Health Specialty Clinics, area education agencies (AEA) and other community programs. The purpose of this system is for families and staff to work together in identifying, coordinating and providing needed services and resources that will help the family to assist their infant or toddler to grow and develop.</p> <p>The family and providers work together to identify and address specific family concerns and priorities as they relate to the child’s overall growth and development. In addition, broader family needs and concerns can be addressed by locating other supportive services/resources in the local community for the family and/or child. All services to the child are provided in the child’s natural environment including the home and other community settings where children of the same age without disabilities participate.</p>		
<p>FEES: There are no costs to families for service coordination activities; evaluation and assessment activities to determine eligibility or identify the concerns, priorities and resources of the family; development and reviews of the Individualized Family Service Plan. The service coordinator works with the family to determine costs and payment arrangements of other needed services. Some services may have charges or sliding fee scales or may be provided at no cost to families. Costs are determined by a variety of factors that are individualized to each child and family.</p>		
<p>ELIGIBILITY: An infant or toddler under the age of three (birth to age three) who:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Has a condition or disability that is known to have a high probability of later delays if early intervention services were not provided, or <input type="checkbox"/> Is already experiencing a 25 percent delay in one or more areas of growth or development. 		
<p>AREA SERVED: Early ACCESS is available in every county in Iowa. Currently Wright county is served through our Webster City office, Humboldt county is served through our Algona office and Webster county is served through our Ft. Dodge office. Our Early ACCESS Regional Liaison, Gale Randall can be reached at the Storm Lake office; all referrals can be sent to her and she will distribute accordingly. If you call a local office, they will take your information/concern and send on to Gale.</p>		
<p>APPLICATION PROCEDURE: If you have a concerns about a child 0-3, you may call any of the Prairie Lakes AEA offices and a service coordinator will be assigned to your family to visit with you about Early ACCESS services</p>		
<p>TRANSPORTATION: Services are provided in the home; transportation can be arranged for Early ACCESS services or assessments/evaluations</p>		
<p>ACCESSIBILITY: ADA Accessible</p>		
<p>LANGUAGES: Interpreters are provided as needed</p>		